

**Art and Architectural Review Board
Minutes
May 6, 2016
Virginia War Memorial
Theater Room
621 S Belvidere Street
Richmond, VA 23220**

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

- 10:00am 1.1 **CALL TO ORDER**
Calder Loth, Bob Mills, Donna Tuten, Helen Wilson
- 1.2 **PUBLIC COMMENT**
AARB Meetings are open for public comment. Rules for public comment can be obtained from the Director, Division of Engineering and Buildings.
- 1.3 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Motion: Ms. Tuten
Second: Ms. Wilson
Recommend Approval of Minutes from the April 1, 2016 AARB Meeting
- 1.4 **OTHER BUSINESS – *Change of Meeting Venue**

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 10:10am **Approval of consent items 2.1 through 2.7 with comments**
Motion: Ms. Wilson
Second: Ms. Tuten
- 2.1 **University of Mary Washington – Demolitions. Fredericksburg Campus**
- 2.2 **VCU – Demolitions. MCV Campus**
- 2.3 **VCCS – J Sargeant Reynolds Community College. Downtown Campus**
The repairs will utilize brick and mortar that matches the existing brick and mortar. The project also will be adding height to the existing parapet walls. Also the project will be replacing the existing doors and windows with new thermally-broken frames and Low-E insulating glass to increase energy efficiency and comfort. The color of the new Frames and glazing will match the existing windows. This phase of the project also adds windows to the connector bridge located between the building and the parking deck to reduce the wind tunnel effect that the building experiences in periods of heavy student traffic.

- 2.4 VMI – Parade Avenue Sidewalk Replacement. Lexington Campus**
Replacement of an existing sidewalk of historic, decorative pavers. The proposed design salvages existing pavers to use on the borders and supplements with unpatterned pavers in the fields. The existing pavers have moved and settled which has caused a hazardous situation. Many bricks have deteriorated with the unglazed bricks in the worst condition. The sidewalk is too narrow to allow wheelchair passing as required by ADA.
Comments: DHR to review.
- 2.5 George Mason University- Antenna Modification. Arlington Campus**
The new antennas are similar in size and appearance to the existing equipment.
- 2.6 George Mason University – Bus Shelters. Fairfax Campus**
Project consists of three bus shelters. Two will be installed at the upcoming GMU Transit Center and one outside the GMU Field House. Shelters are steel-framed with metal roofing surrounded on three sides by glass or plexiglass windscreens.
- 2.7 VCCS – Paul D Camp CC. Solar Collector Array. Franklin Campus**
Installation of 22 Solar Collectors for support to the Solar Training Program offered at the Workforce Training Center. The Solar Collector Array will be installed on the Southeast Corner of the Workforce Building which is adjacent to the parking lot. This will provide greater access for the students to the Solar Collectors and minimizes the infrastructure to connect the building with the arrays. The college will utilize the additional electrical power to reduce the overall lighting load in the building as well as using the system as a training aid for the students. The Solar Collector Array and supporting equipment was purchased through a \$20,000 grant from Dominion Virginia Power with the college funding the remainder of the project.
Comments: DHR to review.

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

- 3.1 George Mason University. Hylton Performing Arts Center Addition**
The proposed project will round out the academic component to the existing performing arts facility. Bounded by campus setbacks on all sides, the proposed one story addition is intended to read as a natural extension to the existing building. The desire is for the design to maintain the iconic form of the existing Merchant Hall while also providing an identity for the new academic wing. This new academic wing will provide space for performances, rehearsals and recording. It will also house classrooms, teaching studios and individual rehearsal rooms. The landscape will be used as a natural transition between the building and the woodland to the east. It will consist of sustainable meadows, native plants and trees. Some of the existing paving will be replaced with a rain garden. The walkway along the east side of the building will be part

of the future campus promenade. This walkway and the associated plaza at the north entry will also provide the required access for emergency response equipment. The plaza at the southern entry has seating walls so that it can be used for impromptu or scheduled outdoor performances

Comments: Consider adding a color change or screening to stage background. Consider adding lighting brackets to light stage area and/or special paving and different landscape planting at grassy area near entrance under sign.

Motion: Mr. Mills

Second: Ms. Wilson

Final approval. Agency to submit landscape plan for consent agenda approval.

- 3.2 University of Virginia. Pavilion III Exterior Renovation. Charlottesville Campus**
Pavilion III is at the northern end of the West Lawn and was the second building constructed at the University of Virginia. The balustrade was an original feature of the building which lasted into the late-19th or early-20th century before being removed, probably because of decay. Recreating this feature will further the goal of recapturing the original appearance of the Lawn as originally designed by Thomas Jefferson.

Motion: Mr. Tuten

Second: Mr. Mills

Final approval.

Ms. Wilson recused herself.

- 3.3 VCCS – Southside Virginia Community College – Technology, Innovation & Success Center. Brunswick County.**

***Previously submitted on April 1st, 2016 with the following comments:**

Comments: Agency to return with upgraded rendering that shows intended colors and relationship to adjacent existing buildings. Examples of how brick and paneling interact. Reduce lines/colors in paneling. Recommend simplifying canopy – make it “lighter” and less complicated. Remove brick base. Reconsider slope of primary entrance roof. Use of panel in façade should be an accent color.

***Board did not vote on project. Agency to return.**

Agency response to comments:

The rendering view will be broadened to include the adjacent existing buildings and the design team will strive to better match the intended materials.

Metal panel details will be reviewed during the presentation. More care has been taken in the placement and orientation of the building lines. A greater emphasis will be placed on the horizontality of the facility, in keeping with the existing context. The canopy has been redesigned to relate more to the building and the adjacent existing building. The canopy area has been limited to the connection between the new facility and the existing adjacent facility. The entrance has been redesigned to respond more appropriately to the existing context. The amount of metal panel elements has been reduced and the design team has reconsidered the color.

Motion: Mr. Mills

Second: Ms. Tuten

Final approval. Agency to return if there are any significant changes.

- 3.4 Department of General Services - Indian Monument (Mantle). Capitol Square**
Pursuant to Executive Order, the Virginia Indian Commemorative Commission (VICC) has commissioned this permanent monument on Capitol Square as a tribute to the Commonwealth's Indian tribes. Named Mantle, the Monument is a site-specific public monument on Virginia's historic Capitol Square by noted Mohawk artist Alan Michelson. Spiral shaped, oriented to the earth and the gently sloping landform of the site, Mantle consists of four integrated elements: a five-foot wide paved footpath; a continuous, 370-foot stone seat wall, serving as a bench; a four-foot wide swath of garden landscaping consisting of plant species native to Virginia; and at the center of the spiral, a meditation or gathering area with a circular water feature. Located in the communal center of the monument is a round, nine-foot in diameter, 20½ - inch high water feature consisting of: a domestic green granite top made up of twenty sections arranged in a spoke-like radial pattern, each bearing, in engraved form, the Indian name of a Virginia river; a concrete base faced with the same, warm-toned stone masonry as the seat wall; and in the very center, a concealed fountain element which will provide a continuous flow of water over the top and sides into a trough at the base from which it will be pumped for recycling.

Comments: Consider using local Virginia stone in place of stone shown.

Consider using tradescantia (spiderwort) in landscape plan. Specify font style to be used on Monument.

Motion: Ms. Tuten

Second: Ms. Wilson

Conceptual approval. Agency to return for final approval reflecting final design requested including modification.

Mr. Mills recused himself.

- 3.5 VCCS – Tidewater Community College. Chesapeake Campus.**

The project is a new stage structure and open viewing space. It includes storage sheds to house movable and portable stage equipment and performance sets. The stage has an approximate total area of 1,300 SF to include exit stairs and ramp. The construction of stage structure will consist primarily of architectural and structural wood materials with stained finish. The Owner provided storage sheds will consist of architectural roof shingles and stained wood walls that will match wood finish of the stage. The open viewing space will be constructed as an artistic berm with grass and concrete banding that will act as seating for viewing events on stage. The project site is adjacent to campus wooden structures CT2 & CT3, woody vegetation area and the newly constructed pedestrian bridge. Proposed landscaping for the project

includes native shrubs and trees that will help frame the viewing space.

Comments: Future expanded project scope to consider updating existing sheds and landscaping.

Motion: Mr. Mills

Second: Ms. Wilson

Final approval.

3.6 Norfolk State University. Signage. NSU Campus

The sign base uses NSU standard brick and is compatible with a larger plan for campus wayfinding that aims to create a safe and secure (yet welcoming) campus perimeter.

Comments: Ballentine Entrance sign - Consider removing landscaping to expose existing brick base and add a low ground landscaping cover in its place. Consider removing columns and post lights in proposed design.

Simplify design. Wilson Hall entrance sign – Consider ornamental precast

balls on columns rather than post lights as shown. Main entrance – approved as designed.

Motion: Mr. Mills

Second: Ms. Tuten

Agency to return for final approval.

3.7 VCCS – John Tyler Community College. Signage Midlothian & Chester Campus

The illuminated signs integrate both vertical and horizontal elements to create a sculptural and dimensional sign design that is attractive and eye-catching.

The stainless steel elements add a contemporary aesthetic while the burgundy colored panels enhance the identity of JTCC through the use of their primary brand color. Both signs are mounted on top of etched concrete bases.

Comments: Consider using concrete base on all signs, matching existing sign on Midlothian.

Motion: Mr. Mills

Second: Ms. Wilson

Final approval.

3.8 University of Mary Washington. Addition & Renovation of Jepson Science Center

***Previously submitted on October 3, 2014 and August 7, 2015**

Comments from October 3rd:

Comments: Simplify the materials used. Use more contextual materials seen on other campus buildings. Reconsider the metal paneling on the roof screening and down sides of building. Reevaluate entry sequence, pedestrian paving on College Avenue side and at Campus Courtyard. Department of Historic Resources would like to continue to work with the agency.

Motion: Ms. Wilson

Second: Ms. Norrell

Conditional approval with comments. Agency to return.

Comments from August 7th:

Consider tipping mechanical screening on all sides to look more like part of the roof. At side entry, drop roof at connector to a lower height between parapets to make more subordinate. Reconsider columns. Reconsider the use of tall columns on end of building facing roadway. Engage columns to curtain wall and do not project out from building. Simplify lintels over windows. Do not use key stones. Consider using square profile rather than round. Be cautious of being too literal with matching details of older, historic building on campus.

Motion: Mr. Bond

Second: Mr. Pinnock

Final approval subject to bringing in changes based on board comments.

Agency response to comments:

The columns have been engaged with the glass façade along the south elevation. In addition the columns have been given a square profile and more slender form without entasis. Corresponding adjustments have been made to simplify the entablature and the column capitals. The lintels have been simplified to a form discussed during the Preliminary Design presentation to the Board on August 7th. The roof of the connection between the addition and the existing building has been lowered to acknowledge the mass of the existing building. The roof now meets the existing building at the line of its upper cornice. This cornice as well as a lower one will die into a pocket that has been created in the addition. We have studied the roof screen in the light of the Board's recommendation to tip the screen back. The area of roof on the addition is limited. This roof area must accommodate a generator, air handling unit, chiller, exhaust fan set, roof mounted ducts to shaft locations and electrical and pump enclosures. Tipping the screen back will encroach on this equipment. After reviewing this we feel that tipping the screens back enough to match the adjacent roof slopes will not be possible. Instead we propose to leave the screens in their current vertical position.

Motion: Mr. Tuten

Second: Ms. Wilson

Final approval.

3.9 Virginia Department of Forestry. Alice House & Matthew House Renovations

***Previously submitted on March 4, 2016 with the following comments:**

Comments: Match existing porch detailing and profiles on Matthews House. Rehabilitated porch to match existing design – be sensitive to existing design elements. Recommend keeping upstairs porch open rather than closing it in. On Alice House, revisit roof ridge relationship. Current ridge relationship tells story of house's growth. Respect historic nature of house. Revisit window scale and consider staircase more in keeping with historic style of house.

Motion: Mr. Pinnock

Second: Mr. Bond

Conceptual approval subject to comments. Agency to return for final approval.

Agency response to comments:

The existing porch columns lining the porch are square tapered

columns and shall be replaced with square tapered columns, matching the profile, taper, detailing and all critical dimensions. The two-story columns that create the corners of the exterior porch area located on the second floor are also square tapered columns and shall be replaced with materials similar to the square tapered columns, matching the profile, taper, detailing and all critical dimensions.

The existing porch area located on the second floor is currently enclosed with a single pane of glass built into the existing trim along the front opening and a framed aluminum window unit with multiple sliding single panes of glass along both side openings. As these elements are not believed to be original components of the house, we are proposing to remove these window / glass elements and replace them with a window screening system to allow the occupants to use the space as an exterior porch but be protected from insects / bugs.

As you are looking at the front elevation, the right side roof section, which was originally proposed to be replaced, will now remain as is to keep the integrity of the original roof line. The middle section, which is currently in need of major structural repair, is proposed to be completely removed and replaced with a slightly reconfigured higher ridgeline (approx. 6" to 8") to help correct several flashing issues / details around the existing chimney and where the other roof / ridge line ties in. It is suspected that these flashing issues were at least partially responsible for the failing of the roof structure in the middle section of the roof.

The extensive window system that was originally proposed on the rear of the new stair section has been eliminated and replaced by a modest three-unit window above the last intermediate landing, matching the scale and character of the other window units in the house. Two skylights, located directly over the egress stair, have also been added to help bring light into the upper gallery area / building interior.

*One additional item that has been requested by the trustees of Matthews State Forest is to replace the two-unit windows, located on the first floor in the Kitchen area and the H/C Guest Room, with an additional window (a three-window unit) to allow better viewing of the grounds in that direction. We have proposed to use a three unit window in both these areas but with a narrower dimension for each unit, to match some of the other windows on this façade. We also did not want the overall window opening width to substantially increase so as to not impact the Kitchen cabinetry or take up too much wall space in the H/C Guest Room.

Motion: Ms. Tuten

Second: Ms. Wilson

Final approval.

3.10 VCU – Linden Street Pedestrian Commons. Monroe Campus.

Streetscape improvements for Linden Street between Floyd and Grove Avenues. Work includes narrowing of the street, new street trees, street lighting and sidewalks. Campus standard brick pavers, ornamental lighting,

large deciduous shade trees and groundcovers.

Comments: Consider eliminating "back in", angled parking and maintaining parallel parking arrangement on Grove Avenue.

Motion: Mr. Mills

Second: Ms. Wilson

Final approval. Agency to return if there are significant changes after meeting with the City's Planning Commission and Urban Design Committee.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next AARB Meeting is Friday, June 3rd, 2016.

***This meeting will be at The Branch House**

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED

Minutes Approved as AARB

Advice and Counsel: ~



Robert S. Mills, FAIA, CID

Chairman

Art and Architectural Review Board

6/2/16

Date

Approved as the
Governor's Designee:



Christopher L. Beschler

Director

Department of General Services

7-7-2016

Date